The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 29, 2010.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to whom were referred the petition(accompanied by bill House, No. 238) of Joseph R. Driscoll, Jr., Christine E. Canavan and others relative to fees charged by issuers of credit cards in the Commonwealth, petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 239) of Lori Ehrlich, John V. Fernandes and others relative to consumer gift cards, petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 244) of Robert F. Fennell, Christine E. Canavan and others relative to requiring photo identification for credit card purchases, petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 259) of Viriato Manuel deMacedo, Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to consumer identity verification prior to the issuance of credit cards, petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 261) of Louis L. Kafka relative to unsolicited credit cards, checks, and vouchers by mail, petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 267) of John D. Keenan, Mary E. Grant and others relative to rebate reform and consumer protection in social referral service contracts, petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 284) of Matthew C. Patrick for legislation to further regulate the rate of interest charges on delinquent credit card accounts, petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 314) of William M. Straus relative to credit backed or bank issued gift cards, petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 323) of Steven M. Walsh, Richard J. Ross and others memorializing the Congress of the United States to address the anticompetitive nature of credit and debit card interchange fees charged to merchants and consumers, petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 3863) of Paul K. Frost for legislation to regulate the fees imposed on consumers by issuers of credit cards, petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 3865) of John D. Keenan and Kathi-Anne Reinstein that sellers of gift certificates be required to maintain separate bank escrow accounts to ensure reimbursement to holders of such certificates, and petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 3870) of Pam Richardson further regulating the sale of gift certificates, reports, recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5089) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

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An Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain House documents.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Ordered, That the Joint Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure be authorized to sit during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents numbered 238, 239, 244, 259, 261, 267, 284, 314, 323, 3863, 3865 and 3870.

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Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2010.